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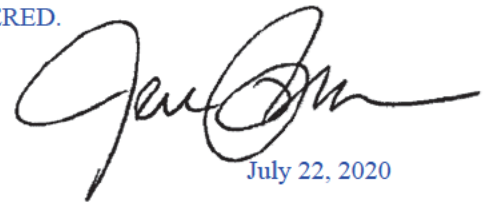
July 22, 2020

BY ECF

The Honorable Jesse M. Furman
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Application GRANTED. The change-of-plea hearing is ADJOURNED to September 15, 2020, at 2:15 p.m. The Court excludes time under the Speedy Trial Act until that date, finding that the interests of justice served by excluding that time outweigh the interests of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial to permit counsel and the Defendant to confer in connection with the planned plea and in light of the difficulties in doing so as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate ECF No. 22. SO ORDERED.

Re: *United States v. Robert Berry*, 20 Cr. 72 (JMF)



July 22, 2020

Dear Judge Furman:

A change-of-plea conference in the above-captioned matter is scheduled for August 3, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. As noted in a previous submission to the Court, the parties have reached an agreement in principle for pretrial disposition. However, the parties respectfully request that the Court adjourn the scheduled conference for at least approximately 30 days. The requested adjournment will, among other things, allow the parties to formalize their agreement and permit defense counsel additional opportunities to advise the defendant regarding the prospective plea, which opportunities have been hindered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the event that the Court grants the requested adjournment, the Government respectfully requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act, from August 3, 2020 to the date that the conference is rescheduled to permit the parties to complete an agreement regarding possible pretrial disposition and to facilitate the effectiveness of counsel. The Government submits that the ends of justice served by the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

I have communicated with defense counsel, who has consented to the above requests.

Respectfully submitted,

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